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Turkey's High Court Reverses Decision on MON810

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Report Highlights:

On May 25, 2015, FAS Ankara learned that Turkey's High Court reversed its December 13, 2013 decision that rescinded the approval of MON810 maize. The decision does not mention the stacked trait MON88017xMON810, which was also rescinded in the December 13 decision.

General Information:

On Friday, December 13, 2013, Turkey's High Court rescinded the approvals for feed use of MON810 and MON88017xMON810 maize, prohibiting the import of feed products that contain these traits. For more information on the court case, please refer to GAIN Report "Turkey Rejects Two Approved Biotech Maize Traits" dated December 19, 2013.

Following the High Court decisions Turkey's Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock (MinFAL) repealed the approval of MON810 and MON88017xMON810 in animal feed products as of December 24, 2013, and withdrew from the market and banned the import of the products that contain these traits. For more information on the repeal please refer to the GAIN report "Turkey Repeals the Approval of Two Genetically Engineered Corn Traits" dated December 27, 2013.

On May 25 May, 2015 FAS Ankara learned that Turkey's High Court reversed its decision on MON810 maize. Both MON810 and MON88017 are approved in Turkey as individual traits. On May 27, 2015, MinFAL directed the Provincial Directorates, which implement the Biosafety Law at the ports, to implement the High Court's decision.